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From: Commanding General  
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Subj: TRASH EXERCISE 1-04 (TRASHEX 1-04)

Encl: (1) TRASHEX 1-04 Operations Order

Ref: (a) CCO P3500.4F

1. Situation. To promulgate information for the scheduled police of the Combat Center's Range Training Areas (RTAs).

2. Mission. On an annual basis, it is necessary to police call the Combat Center's RTAs in order to remove accumulated trash. The month of December is the best time to conduct this exercise due to the availability of personnel and the limited impact on scheduled training. Participating units will be assigned to teams that will conduct the police of the RTAs from 0630-1630 daily during the period 15-19 December 2003. Each team will be given the necessary supplies and organic assets to police specific RTAs in an organized and efficient effort.

3. Execution. Request support from the following organizations and directorates:

a. Director, Operations and Training (O&T) Directorate

(1) Direct the Officer-In-Charge (OIC), Range Training Area Maintenance Section (RTAMS) to serve as exercise coordinator.

(2) Direct the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Officer to coordinate and supervise all EOD efforts, and provide EOD personnel to support the exercise, to include a daily dud brief.

(3) Provide trash bags and fuel for the exercise.

(4) Provide a Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) helicopter (helo) on station for the duration of the exercise.

b. Director, Installations and Logistics (I&L) Directorate

(1) Ensure that the Range Residue Processing Center (RRPC) and the MCAGCC landfill facilities are prepared to support the exercise.

(2) Provide personnel to conduct daily Desert Tortoise brief.

c. Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School (MCCES). Request the following support be provided: Twelve Marines, Lance Corporal (LCpl) or below and one Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) to act as working party.

d. Commanding Officer, Combat Service Support Battalion 10 (CSSB-10). Request the following support be provided:

- (1) Two Corpsman.
- (2) Three Forklift (TRAM) with bucket and three licensed operator.
- (3) Three Mark (Mk) 48/870, three licensed operator with assistant driver (A-driver).
- (4) Three 7-ton vehicles with four full water jugs each and three licensed operators with A-drivers. Vehicles are to be configured as cargo carriers with trailers attached and canvas removed.
- (5) Three 105 trailers.
- (6) Two MK 145 or Vehicle Radio Component (VRC) equipped High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) to act as a communication vehicle and two licensed operators with A-drivers.
- (7) One 5-ton Wrecker, one licensed operator with A-driver. This vehicle and associated personnel will remain on stand by at the RTAMS Lot while teams are in the field.
- (8) One maintenance contact vehicle, one licensed operator/motor transport mechanic, and one Marine to act as A-driver/motor transport mechanic. This vehicle and associated personnel will remain on stand by at their shop while teams are in the field.

- (9) Off-base trip tickets for all vehicles.

e. Commanding Officer, 1st Tanks Battalion. Request the following support be provided:

- (1) Six Marines, LCpl or below with one NCO.
- (2) Three 7-ton vehicles with four full water jugs each and three licensed operators with A-drivers. Vehicles are to be configured as troop carriers with canvas attached.
- (3) Off-base trip tickets for all vehicles.

f. Commanding Officer, 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. Request the following support be provided:

- (1) Six Marines, LCpl or below with one NCO.
- (2) One MK 145 or VRC equipped HMMWV to act as a communication vehicle and one licensed operator with A-driver.
- (3) Off-base trip tickets for all vehicles.

g. Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. Request the following support be provided:

(1) Three 7-ton or 5-ton vehicles with four full water jugs each and three licensed operators with A-drivers. Vehicles are to be configured as cargo carriers with trailers attached and canvas removed.

(2) Three 105 trailers.

(3) Six Marines, LCpl or below.

(4) Off-base trip tickets for all vehicles.

h. Commanding Officer, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1. Request the following support be provided:

(1) One Corpsman.

(2) Six Marines, LCpl or below.

i. Commanding Officer, 7th Marines. Request the following support be provided:

(1) Three dump trucks (or 7-tons/5-tons Configured to haul trash), three licensed operators with A-drivers.

(2) 18 Marines, LCpl or below with Two NCOs.

(3) One maintenance contact vehicle, one licensed operator/motor transport mechanic, and one Marine to act as A-driver/motor transport mechanic. This vehicle and associated personnel will remain on stand by at their shop while teams are in the field.

(4) Off-base trip tickets for all vehicles.

j. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Planning. The RTAMS will coordinate the daily operations of this exercise. The initial planning meeting will be at 1000 on 13 November 2003 and the final planning meeting will be held at 1000 on 9 December 2003. Both meetings will be held in the Operations and Training Conference Room (Building 1555). It is requested that representatives/points of contact from all commands providing exercise support attend both meetings.

(2) Points of Contact. Each command providing exercise support will submit a point of contact to the Staff Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge (SNCOIC), RTAMS at the initial planning meeting on 13 November 2003.

(3) Personnel. Each command providing exercise support should report any anticipated personnel shortfalls to the OIC or SNCOIC of RTAMS as soon as possible.

(4) Equipment. Each command providing exercise support should report any anticipated equipment shortfalls to the OIC or SNCOIC of RTAMS as soon as possible.

(a) The following equipment will be in general support (GS) of the exercise. Three Dump trucks, three LVS/M870s, and three TRAMs with buckets.

(b) The following equipment is in direct support (DS) of individual teams. Nine 7-ton or 5-ton trucks, three MK 145 or VRC equipped HMMWV Communications vehicles, and six 105 trailers.

(5) Personnel and equipment provided to support the exercise will report to the Assembly Area, Building 2155 (RTAMS Lot, next to the Rifle Range) no later than 0630 daily beginning 15 December 2003.

(6) Refer to enclosure (1) for a detailed description of specific instructions, concept of operations, and schedule of events.

(7) Each command providing exercise support will ensure that personnel have adequate logistical support, to include individual equipment food, and water. Refer to the enclosure for a detailed description of specific logistical requirements.

k. Points of contact for this exercise are Captain J. A. Esch/Master Sergeant T. R. Passot, OIC/SNCOIC RTAMS, extension 6172/6953.

4. Administration and Logistics. Distribution Statement A-1 directives issued by the Commanding General are distributed via e-mail. This Bulletin can be viewed at <https://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/manpower/adj/index.asp>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Bulletin is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

  
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Chief of Staff

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## TRASHEX 1-04 Operations Order

Ref: (a) Map: MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms, Series V695S, Sheet Twentynine Palms MIM, 1:100000

1. Situation. During FY 2003 the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) hosted numerous training evolutions and although all training units normally conduct trash calls at the completion of their exercises, there is a need to conduct a large-scale trash clean up within the numbered ranges and training areas in their entirety. TRASHEX 1-04 will ensure that Marine Corps MCAGCC will be able to safely host the numerous exercises already scheduled for FY 2004.

- a. Enemy Forces: N/A
- b. Friendly Forces: N/A
- c. Attachments and detachments: See LOI

2. Mission. Units aboard the Combat Center will remove trash and range residue from the ranges and training areas in order to improve the state of police and safety aboard the Combat Center.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent. To safely and efficiently utilize tenant unit's supporting personnel and assets in a coordinated effort to police the Combat Center's ranges and training areas.

b. Concept of the Operation. Individual teams will augment personnel from Range Training Area Maintenance Section (RTAMS) who will escort those teams to designated numbered ranges and training areas throughout the Combat Center in order to police trash and range debris. A section of heavy equipment and motor transportation will remain in general support of the exercise force to be utilized at the discretion of the RTAMS OIC/SNCOIC.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Daily schedule. Each day of TRASHEX 1-04 all personnel and equipment will report to RTAMS Building 2155 no later than 0630. The plan of the day is as followed:

0630-0645	Roll Call
0645-0715	Safety Brief
0715-0730	Load Vehicles
0730-0745	Radio Check with BEARMAT/Begin Transit
0745-1600	Police RTAs
TBD	Secured from RTAMS by OIC/SNCOIC

(2) Cleanup team composition. The Marines and Sailors assigned to TRASHEX 1-04 will be divided up into three separate sticks maintaining unit integrity as much as possible. Each stick will have at a minimum the following personnel and equipment: A RTAMS's Marine, Marines, 1 Marine NCO, 1 Corpsman with Unit 1, MTRVs or 5-ton trucks w/105 trailers attached, and Mk 145 or VRC equipped HMMWV w/trained radio operator.

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(3) Cleanup tasks. Teams will police all brass, trash, dunage, scrap wood/metal, concertina wire, and all other man made non-ordnance related debris encountered in their respective areas of responsibility and along MSRs while in transit.

(4) Exercise coordinator/Range Safety Officer. The RTAMS OIC will serve as exercise coordinator for this operation and will be in place at the RTAMS lot as the designated Range Safety Officer.

(5) SOP for RTAA. All personnel participating in this exercise shall adhere to the regulations contained in CCO P3500.4F, SOP for RTAA.

(6) Ordnance. Any Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) found by working party personnel will be reported immediately to the RTAMS's Marine who will mark and record its location for EOD disposal. No UXO or suspected UXO will be picked up, touched, or disturbed.

(7) Team Leaders. The NCO Team Leader assigned to each stick will supervise the safety and accomplishment of cleanup tasks assigned to his or her team. The Team Leader and RTAMS's Marine will work together to ensure the safe movement to and from the training areas as well as safe conduct on site, personnel accountability, and efficient cleanup and police of training areas.

(8) Safety Brief. All personnel will receive a comprehensive brief each morning covering explosive ordnance, environmental issues, and safety. All personnel will be reminded that safety is the priority for this operation. Lifting of heavy objects and urgent lift casualty evacuation procedures will be specifically addressed in the safety brief.

#### 4. Administration and Logistics

a. Accountability. During role call each morning personnel rosters will be generated for each team. The Rosters will include name, rank, SSN, blood type, unit, training area, and team number. Copies of these rosters will be maintained by the RSO at the RTAMS's lot and by the RTAMS's Marine assigned to each team.

b. Individual Equipment. Each Marine or Sailor will report to RTAMS each morning with the individual equipment described below: Meals ready to eat (MREs), two Canteens (full), one Web belt, one H-harness, First aid kit, one Flack jacket, one (pair) Black leather gloves, and one Helmet.

c. Vehicles/Equipment. The following list of vehicles and equipment will support TRASHEX 1-04: Nine MTVRs or 5-ton trucks, six 105 trailers, three Mk 145 Communications vehicles or VRC equipped HMMWVs, three Dump Trucks, three LVS/870s, three TRAMs with buckets, one Wreckers, and two Contact Team Vehicles. All motor transport vehicles will report to RTAMS with full complement of SL-3 to facilitate wheel changes and operator maintenance in the field.

d. Fuel. All vehicles and equipment will report to RTAMS with a full tank of fuel on the first day of TRASHEX 1-04 (15 December 2003). If vehicles or equipment is changed out during the exercise they must arrive

with a full tank of fuel. Fuel will be provided by RTAMS for the remainder of the operation and vehicles will be topped off at the conclusion of the operation.

e. Water/Food. All MTVR/5 tons will report to RTAMS with four full five-gallon water jugs each day of TRASHEX 1-04. In addition, all working party personnel will possess two MREs each to cover noon and evening chow.

f. Vehicle Breakdown. The RTAMS'S RSO will be notified via BEARMAT of all vehicle breakdowns in the training area. Accurate grid location, type of vehicle, and nature of the problem will be established. The RTAMS's RSO will then send designated "standby" wrecker and/or contact team support to the brake down site as necessary.

g. Maintenance Costs. Vehicle/Equipment maintenance costs incurred by tenant units will be reimbursed to that unit if those costs are specifically related to the conduct of TRASHEX 1-04. Reimbursement will not be offered for maintenance costs due to operator negligence or generally expected wear and tear. Following the exercise, maintenance costs can be captured by each tenant unit and forwarded to OIC RTAMS for review and action.

## 5. Command and Signal

a. The OIC of RTAMS is overall coordinator and designated Range Support Officer (RSO) for this event.

b. Call Signs. BEARMAT (Range Control), Tracker 1 (RTAMS OIC), Tracker 2 (RTAMS SNCOIC), and Tracker 3 through 16 (RTAMS Marines).

### c. Communication Nets

(1) Primary. Tactical VHF on BEARMAT safety net (46.80) provided by tenant units in the form of Mk145 Comm vehicles or VRC equipped HMMWV.

(2) Secondary. Handheld or vehicle mounted Motorola communications on BEARMAT safety net provided by RTAMS Marines.

(3) Tertiary. Wireless telephone communication with BEARMAT and RTAMS RSO via cell phones provided by RTAMS Marines.

d. Command Location. The RTAMS RSO/Exercise coordinator will be located at the RTAMS lot, building 2155 (next to the rifle range). Phone extensions 6172/6953.

e. Casualty Evacuation. In the event of injury of a Marine/Sailor in the training area the Corpsman on site will make a judgement as to the priority and type of evacuation. If the Corpsman is unavailable, the RTAMS's Marine will make the determination. If an evacuation of the casualty is warranted the RTAMS's Marine, the Team Leader, the radio operator or any Marine/Sailor on site will contact BEARMAT and pass the following information:

(1) Name, rank, SSN of injured Marine/Sailor.

(2) Grid and training area.

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(3) Type of injury.

(4) Type of evacuation required (air or ground).

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